GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3783
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FORENSIC REPORT ABOUT SABARMATI EXPRESS AT GODHRA
GULAM MEHMOOD BANATWALLA;SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of Forensic Science Laboratory of Ahmedabad inquiring into the Godhra train carnage of February 27, 2002, has after a simulated experiment of the fire in Railway train coach No.S-6, came to the conclusionthat the fire which took the life of 59 passengers including women and children, could be possible only if the inflammable like petrol was dowsed from inside the compartment and not is thrown from outside.

(b) If so, the result of the follow up investigations based on the said findings; and

(c) The action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (c) "Policing being a State Subject, prevention anddetection of crime on Railways including running trains is the Constitutional responsibility of the State Governments. The cases of crime on Railways are reported to, registered and investigated by the Government Railway Police (GRP). However, information furnished by the Superintendent of Police, Vadodara indicates that the Forensic Science Laboratory, Ahmedabad has opined that the petrol could have been poured from inside the coach. Any follow-up action on the report has to be taken by the State Government.